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30 August 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, CS Historical Board

SUBJECT : Material relating to forthcoming CSHB
Meeting with C/CIA/HS

The following items will figure in our discussions at the Board meeting scheduled for 31 August.

a. Security procedures in the Historical Program. Attached is a copy of a proposed instruction submitted by C/CIA/HS to Col. White for approval. Col. White has been out of town; I do not know when he returns or when he will review this draft.

The instruction is not essentially different from those which have been in effect in the CS. It does, however, reflect a further centralization of procedures and reporting which may or may not be needed for the other directorates. As you know, however, I feel that the progressing centralization is not desirable so far as the CS is concerned. Providing identification of CS readership for C/CIA/HS is neither desirable nor necessary. While present CS instructions call for such reports, I would be prepared to forego them.

Otherwise, I see no objection. The language needs clarification and tightening up in places.

b. The Ongoing Program. We have had indications that the EUR Division is terminating its historical program at the end of the year. It may, however, simply reflect a reorganization or restaffing of the program. Mr. [REDACTED] can presumably clarify.

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Has the DDP clarified his own views as to the continuing historical program? DC/OPSER may have information.

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Attached are proposals for "functional histories" drawn up by [REDACTED] based on his experience in the program and on interest by researchers. Some of these may be worth writing up.

Interest in at least some of the area divisions centers on chronological station histories. AF and WH apparently plan to continue until all their stations have been written up.

Suggest that views concerning the on-going program be developed at the Board meeting, after which I would poll the staff and division chiefs and historical officers for their views. Would then draw up a list for Board approval.

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[REDACTED]
Executive Secretary
CS Historical Board

Attachment:

Proposed instruction, as stated.
Proposals for "functional histories".

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cc: Mr. [REDACTED]
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Mr. [REDACTED]

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